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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 2, 4-7, 9, and 17 and the indicated allowability of claims 8 and 16 if rewritten into independent form. Claims 8 and 16 have been amended herein to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Rejected claims 1 and 3 and previously withdrawn claims 10-15 and 18-20 have been cancelled.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 29462.

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